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## **Idaho Foodsize Trout Sales Decrease**

Idaho foodsize trout sales during 2002 totaled \$29.9 million, down 13 percent from the \$34.4 million in 2001, according to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service. The number of foodsize fish sold was 38.0 million, down 5 percent from the 40.0 million sold a year ago. Total pounds sold were 37.4 million pounds, compared to 39.5 million pounds in 2001.

The total sales for all foodsize trout, in the 20 selected States reached \$58.3 million dollars during 2002, a 9 percent decrease from the \$64.4 million received in 2001. The number of foodsize trout sold during 2002 totaled 50.2 million fish, down 8 percent from the previous year. A total of 54.5 million pounds were sold in 2002, compared to the 56.9 million pounds in 2001. Based on the dollar value, 69 percent of the foodsize trout in the 20 selected States were sold to processors and 20 percent were sold to fee and recreational fishing establishments. In Idaho, 99 percent of the foodsize trout were sold to processors.

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